

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed is a replacement sheet for Figure 10. Figure 10 now includes the designated legend "Prior Art".

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 stand rejected.

Claims 3-6 are found to contain allowable subject matter.

Figure 10 is objected to as requiring the designation of prior art. A formal substitute Fig. 10 is attached herewith including the legend of "Prior Art." No new matter is entered. It is respectfully requested the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner provides suggestions for amending claims 2-4 and 6 and claim 5. The Examiner's suggestions are implemented herein. It is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as anticipated by Inada et al. (U.S. 6,925,090)(hereinafter Inada). This reference is a Fujitsu Limited Patent.

The Inada has a U.S. filing date of July 19, 2001 and the current application claims foreign priority to April 13, 2001. The Inada reference is related as a continuation of a PCT application filed on January 20, 1999. Because the application was filed prior to November 29, 2000, the priority date is the earlier of the date of completion of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 or the filing date of the later filed U.S. application that claimed the benefit of the international application. Therefore, the reference takes a date of July 19, 2001.

Applicant relies on the foreign priority of April 13, 2001 for the current application. In support of this reliance applicant submits herewith an English language translation of the priority document together with a statement as to the accuracy of the translation.

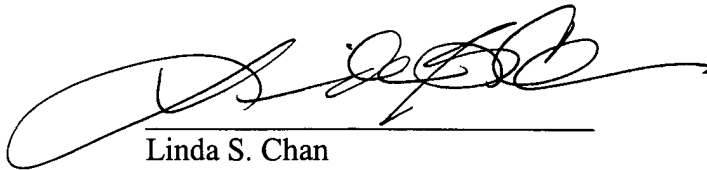
It is respectfully submitted the rejection is obviated.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider

this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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